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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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: Group Art Unit: 2812

: Examiner: STACY WHITMORE

For: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FORMING THE SAME

ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 2, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 2, 2004, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following Groups:

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| Group I | - | Claims 1-7, drawn to an optimized integrated circuit; |
| Group II | - | Claim 8, drawn to an integrated circuit isolating lines for testing; |
| Group III | - | Claims 9-10, drawn to an optimized integrated circuit; |
| Group IV | - | Claims 11-12, drawn to an optimized integrated circuit; |
| Group V | - | Claims 13-15, drawn to an optimized integrated circuit; and |

Group VI - Claim 16, drawn to optimizing area/current.

Applicants elect without traverse, Group IV - claims 11-12 for initial prosecution on the merits.

Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims 1-10 and 13-16, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

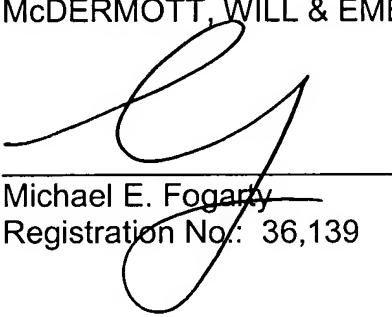
Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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